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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Giovanni Abatangelo et al.

) Group Art Unit: 1643

Serial No.: **09/445,604**

) Examiner: C. Washington

Filed: **December 7, 1999**

For: **HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE BASED CELL CULTURE AND BIODEGRADABLE THREE-DIMENSIONAL MATRIX**

New York, NY 10036
June 5, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed prior to examination to revise the claims into better form for examination. Kindly amend the above named application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-27 and add the following claims:

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